Informative Subtopic Progression

Subtopic Paragraphs include:

* Topic Sentence (Main idea of paragraph)
* Supporting details (Specific details that help explain and support the main idea)
* Evidence (Support details and main idea with examples, facts, etc. from sources. Cite where you got the information from!)
* Explain/Elaborate (Explain beyond the evidence. What does it mean? What do we learn from it? Why is it important?)

How did people come to Ellis Island. They came by boat from other places. When they got there they had to have tests done to them. Now Ellis Island is a museum. Some people can trace their ancestors to it. Did you know that? Did you know it was also hard on families?

**Arrival**

Once immigrants arrived at Ellis Island, they had to pass a series of tests. Some tests people had to pass were medical and some had to do with basic skills. According to “Ellis Island History,” doctors would examine incoming immigrants for diseases and overall health. If a person was found to be contagious, they would be sent back to the country they came from.” This means very sick people were sent back. People were also sent back if they didn’t have enough skills to find a job. According to the website, History.com, if people did not have special skills and show the ability to get employment, they were not allowed entry. This was because immigration officials were trying to make sure those entering the United States could help contribute.

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Once immigrants arrived at Ellis Island, they had to pass a series of tests and examinations to be permitted entry into the United States. The first examination immigrants were given was a medical exam. According to “Ellis Island History,” doctors would examine incoming immigrants for diseases and overall health. If a person was found to be contagious, they would be sent back to the country they came from.” This means people could spend their life savings on a voyage to America, just to be sent back with nothing.

Medical tests were not the only exams immigrants had to pass. People were also given mental health and intelligence tests to determine their ability to find employment. “People who lacked the ability to read, write, or do skilled labor were denied entry,” states History.com. Therefore, if someone couldn’t prove they could find employment in a trade, or would be able to contribute to society, they may be denied entry and sent back to the country they came from.